



State CIO's Technology Advisory Peer Group

**Charter
Date**

March 16, 2007

**Executive
Sponsor**

J. Clark Kelso, *State Chief Information Officer*

**Technology
Advisory
Peer Group**

The Executive Sponsor has convened a "Technology Advisory Peer Group" which consists of the following persons:

- Mike Nevens (Chair);
- Dan Dixon;
- Elizabeth Evans;
- Bob Kaplan;
- Alan Nunns;
- Steve Scott;
- Stacy Thomas.

Background

- A. Ever since the July 2002 sunset of the Department of Information Technology, strategic governance of information technology decision-making in California's Executive Branch and enterprise-wide leadership of the Executive Branch's information technology program has been the responsibility of the State CIO as designated by the Governor. The State CIO has no statutory authority or budget and, since July 2002, has had a staff of only 2 or 3 assistants.
- B. Absent any direct authority or guidance from the Legislature, the State CIO has established a collaborative governance structure that relies on leadership and influence by frequent dialogue with IT leaders and other stakeholders throughout the State.
- C. The State CIO established the IT Council in March 2004 to formalize the collaborative relationships that had been developed during the preceding 16 months. The IT Council advises the State CIO on matters related to information technology in the Executive Branch. For information on the IT Council, see <http://www.cio.ca.gov/ITCouncil/default.html>.
- D. The IT Council adopted the California Information Technology Strategic Plan in November 2004. The plan will guide the acquisition, management and use of technology within the Executive Branch for the five-year period of 2005-2009. See <http://www.cio.ca.gov/StrategicPlan.html>.
- E. One of the strategic objectives for 2005 was to establish the Department of Technology Services. This objective has been successfully accomplished when

	<p>the Legislature acquiesced in the Governor's Reorganization Plan #2, and the Department of Technology Services was created as of July 11, 2005.</p> <p>F. We have just begun to act on other initiatives listed in the strategic plan, including beginning to establish for the first time an Executive-Branch-wide enterprise architecture, beginning to plan for a substantial improvement in the State's web presence through a State portal initiative, and beginning to examine Executive Branch-wide business management systems. Plans to improve the management of the State's IT workforce and to establish a statutory governance structure for IT are also underway. Improving the security of our IT systems remains a priority.</p> <p>G. Beginning in August and concluding in late October, we will review the contents of our strategic plan and make such adjustments as are deemed necessary or advisable.</p>
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Purpose	The Technology Advisory Peer Group will provide expert advice to the State CIO to improve the State's information technology program.
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Organization and Structure	<p>A. Mr. Mike Nevens has agreed to serve as Chair of the Technology Advisory Peer Group.</p> <p>B. The Group shall meet as often as it deems necessary, but not less than once each quarter, to review the Executive Branch's information technology program. Two of the meetings shall be in-person in Sacramento. Other meetings may take place by video- or voice-conferencing. The Chair may call special meetings of the Group as the Chair deems necessary.</p> <p>C. Membership of the Technology Advisory Peer Group will be determined by the Chair in consultation with the Executive Sponsor.</p>
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Authority and Accountability	A. The Technology Advisory Peer Group is an advisory body the purpose of which is to assist the State CIO in leading and planning for improvements in the State's information technology program. The direct recipient of the Group's advice is the State CIO.
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General Duties	<p>A. The Executive Sponsor will ensure sustained executive support for the Technology Advisory Peer Group.</p> <p>B. The Group Chair will oversee the Group's activities to promote informed, open and frank discussions about consolidation planning and implementation.</p>
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Charter	This charter is to remain in effect until modified and approved by the Executive
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Modifications	Sponsor.
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Charter Approvals			
	J. Clark Kelso, State Chief Information Officer		Date
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